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## 50,000 More Kits Needed In Russia By Christmas

By Louie D. Newton, Chairman  
Southern Baptist Convention Kit  
For Russia Committee

While in Washington, D. C., recently in conferences with Baptist World Alliance leaders and through Religious News Service I learned more about the activities of our Baptist leaders in Russia. They expressed again how much Russian people appreciate the kits already sent by Southern Baptists, and urge that we continue sending this type of aid.

Up to date Southern Baptists have sent about 50,000 kits on our 100,000 goal. Orders continue to come from all over the South. Let me urge pastors and organizations to make a special effort to wind up this project by Thanksgiving. We have 50,000 more empty kits here in Atlanta. Please wire or order-by air mail yours at once. Let's make a happy Christmas for the millions of Russians whose homes were destroyed by the Germans.

Winter, with heavy blizzards, the worst in 75 years, is reported by the daily press to have hit some of Russia already, indicating that millions of people are in great need.

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S. L. Middleton, clerk of Roxie church, died suddenly in the church Sunday morning, October 28. The five children, with the exception of one son in Medical School in New Orleans, and other relatives had come to celebrate his birthday.

A daughter, Naomi, is a highly esteemed bookkeeper in the Convention Board office.

## Rooming Information

The hotel and rooming situation in Jackson is acute. Jackson pastors and their committees are trying to locate available rooms for those unable to secure hotel reservations.

Many from nearby towns are planning to go home at nights. Many will secure rooms in nearby towns.

Those desiring rooms in private homes are urged to write the First Baptist Church, Jackson. The pastor, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, states that the committee is doing its best, but sufficient rooms have not yet been listed. He also says late writers will be sorry.

## FAR REACHING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDED

Christian education is one of the fundamentals with Baptists in carrying out our Lord's Great Commission. We recognize the fact that there are other fundamentals that go along with this one. We fully believe at this time all Mississippi Baptists should come to recognize the important place of Christian education in our denominational work for the present and for the future. At times, when we have thought of the important part our denominational colleges have played in the ongoing of religious work in our state, we have tried to imagine what Baptist work in our state would now be if we had no such colleges. It is beyond us to conceive just what it would be.

To have Christian education only in name and it to have all the earmarks of the ways of the world shuts the leadership of the Holy Spirit out and gets us nowhere in the Lord's work. If our colleges are what they should be we will have to keep them close to the Lord. This means that the Holy Spirit must lead and all of our Baptist hosts are to do God's will in this matter, as in every other phase of the Lord's work. We know beyond the shadow of every doubt,

if we will at our coming state convention humble ourselves and forgive, and in prayer seek God's will, He will hear us and bless us and lead us into greater usefulness in His kingdom work than we have ever been before. We are for trying this method one hundred percent.

We are for our colleges, for every one of them. We love them, we love Christian education. We want our sons and daughters, the wealthy, the middle class, the poor, to all have an opportunity of a Christian education. Our coming state convention should not whittle away its time with little things in this great and fundamental and God glorifying work. We should set up a definite, far reaching, state embracing, Christian educational program and have it plain and simple to understand, so that every Baptist in our state who reads our denominational paper can definitely know just what we are undertaking. And it should embrace each of our colleges and each of them should fully participate in this program. We fully believe anything short of this will keep us from doing our best in this great and worthy work. Lord, help us to do this.

## A Favorite Sermon

### Ye are Bought With a Price

By Dr. William Potter  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Carthage, Miss.

"Ye are not your own . . . for ye are bought with a price. . . ." I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

Out of the present global conflict has come a classic of heroism and sacrifice!

Newspapers and magazines have recorded the epoch of the North Atlantic when a troop transport sank. The story reports that there were four chaplains aboard the ill-fated transport and how they helped quiet the panic-stricken men. It seems, the report goes on, that four of the men were without lifebelts. The chaplains gave them theirs and as they stood on the deck of the sinking ship and watched the last lifeboat drift away the four chaplains were seen standing arm in arm, heads bowed in prayer.

A member of my church, stirred by this beautiful example of unselfishness and sacrifice, grasped the true meaning of the incident and wrote me a letter which I shall treasure until the Lord has called me home. I want to pass this letter on to you,



DR. WILLIAM POTTER

dear friend, that you, too, might find the significance that has come from the tragedy of the North Atlantic and how centuries before, one lone Man surrendered His life that you might have life eternal (John 3:16). Here, in part, is the letter:

"Dear Pastor:

". . . I was impressed, of course, by  
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## Church Plans Program For Returning Veterans

Rev. Claude U. Broach,  
Charlotte, N. C.

The return of service personnel to civilian life presents a challenge to the churches of America. Will we be able to reach these men for Christ and for the churches?

Much has been said about the religious attitudes of the returning veterans. We have found these conclusions:

1. Some men will come back stronger in faith than when they left.
2. Some will have lost their faith—particularly with respect to organized religious life and tradition.
3. Some will be virtually unchanged—just about as they were, no better, no worse.
4. All, or almost all, will have a new respect for real religion and the people who really have it.

This last statement is by far the most important. These men will have little respect for petty denominationalism and competitive tactics in religious life. They have knelt in prayer with buddies who asked no questions about what church they belonged to.

We mention a further observation: our churches must have some definite program for reaching these men as they return. That program must be vigorous, warm-hearted, realistic, and spiritually demanding.

One church appointed a veterans' service committee, with a general chairman and executive committee of four. This committee is at work on four projects, with one member of the executive committee responsible for each, with the help of a sub-committee in each case. The projects are:

1. ADVISORY. This committee consists of a banker, a lawyer, and a college professor. They know the G. I. Bill of Rights backward and forward. The chairman is himself a veteran of World War II and he contacts each man as he returns and then calls on the other committees for specific help.

2. JOBS. This committee has built up a file on service men to help them in finding the kind of job they want and are equipped to handle. Business men of the church are eager to give preference to these veterans.

3. ENLISTMENT. Working on the "buddy" plan, this committee is making a real effort to enlist the veterans in the life of the church. A "buddy" is assigned to each veteran, and is responsible for keeping up with him. The committee informally presents the veterans to the congregation from Sunday to Sunday with the ever-pleasant phrase "promoted to civilian,"  
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**\$75,000 Thanksgiving Offering For Baptist Orphanage**



## -Sparks & Splinters-

Brookhaven: Mrs. Joe Desmarais, the former Miss Lorelle-Leggett, has received in distinction in her record made by attending Sunday school for 18 consecutive years without being absent. Mrs. Desmarais is a member of the Sunday school of First Baptist Church. An award for her achievement was presented by Superintendent W. D. Lofton.

At the meeting of the Jones County Association the following officers were elected: Moderator, Dr. B. B. Hilbun; vice-moderator, Horace Headrick; clerk, H. J. Rushing; treasurer, E. D. Hurst. Thirty-three churches out of 36 made reports which showed a total membership of 9,884, baptisms 403, gifts for local causes \$141,133, gifts for missions \$46,911; Sunday school enrollment 5,369, Training Union enrollment 1,834. Plans for the future include a continuation of the B. S. U. work at Ellisville Junior College; a full time associational worker; building a cottage at Clarke College.—H. J. Rushing.

Miss Elsie Keen, Ackerman, has been elected president of Hearn Y. W. A. at Blue Mountain College. Alfalene Jolly, Myrtle, is vice-president; Sara Sudduth, Sallis, is secretary, and Lucille Thomas, Millington, Tenn., is treasurer. Committee chairmen are: Ruth Sterling, Jackson; Ella Thomas, Millington, Tenn.; Sue McGinty, River View, Ala.; Shirley Jackson, Natchez; Mary Nell McDougal, Guntown; Gladys Allen, Louisville; Bessie Mae Evers, Jackson, and Dorothy Smith, Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Barbara Ely, Ita Bena, has been elected president of Whitfield Y. W. A. No. 1 at Blue Mountain College. Jean Donahue, Leland, is vice-president, and Nettie Thomas, Clarksdale, is secretary. Committee chairmen are: Jimmie McKenzie, Greenwood; Margaret Ann Hamilton, Memphis, Tenn.; Jeanne Hilton, Nashville, Tenn.; Elizabeth Kelly, Plantersville; Lois Philpot, Tupelo; Anne Galloway, Lexington, Ky., and Frances McCullough, New Albany.

Carthage: Our Sunday school workers' study course on "The Book We Teach" is under way this week. Teachers are Mrs. M. M. Keith, J. C. Taylor, Mrs. L. W. Nestor, Mrs. William Potter, E. P. Barr and Dr. Potter. We engage in a week of special evangelistic services, November 4-11 with our pastor preaching.

French Camp: Pastor R. L. Ray, Jr., preached in our recent revival. There were several who made a profession of faith.—Leland Taylor.

Cincinnati, O.—During the past summer, 24 rabbis served on the faculty of 29 Christian youth camps from New York to California, it was reported here by the Jewish Chautauqua Society. The rabbis, made available under the auspices of the Society, presented courses dealing with Jewish history, literature, and religion to more than 5,000 young people enrolled in the church-sponsored camps. (Editor's note: We publish the above as information only.)

Springfield, Mo.—(RNS)—Alleged discrimination against Protestant minorities in Italy was protested by the General Council of the Assemblies of God at its 21st biennial session here. In an appeal to President Truman, the council requested that peace treaties between the Allied Nations and Italy should include provisions "which will guarantee these people protection and liberties rightly due them."

Carthage: "We are happy to forward this check for \$500, properly signed by our church treasurer, M. M. Keith, and designated for the building of a ministerial student's home now being built at Clarke College for the use of Leake county students of the ministry," wrote Dr. William Potter, pastor, in sending the check to Dr. D. A. McCall.



Officers of the Eunomian Literary Society, Blue Mountain College. Seated, left to right: Kitty Williams, Utica, president; Elizabeth Davis, Memphis, Tenn., vice-president; Anne Galloway, Lexington, Ky., new girl; Harriet Lowrey, Blue Mountain, secretary; Montyne Treadwell, Collierville, Tenn., program chairman; and Dorothy Horton, Tupelo, treasurer. Standing, left to right: Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson, program chairman, and Katherine Beaty, Jackson, athletic director.

## Gaston Church Dedicated

Hundreds attended the all-day services Sunday, September 30, observing the dedication of Gaston Baptist Church, Prentiss county. Built new a few months ago, the structure has been paid for. For nearly a hundred years there has been a church on this site, first attended by Presbyterians, and later by a group of the Baptist faith. Rev. Joe Crawford of Tippah county is the able pastor.

Mrs. L. H. Stutts gave the history of the church from the time it had belonged to the Baptist membership, and Mr. C. W. Rugg gave the church's beginning as a Presbyterian place of worship. Rev. C. S. Wales of Blue Mountain preached the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. J. D. Thompson offered the prayer of dedication. Other speakers included Elmer C. McCoy and Dr. W. H. Anderson, who pointed to the future of this little church beside the road which is a symbol of democratic security and Christian progressiveness.

Miss Bobbye McGehee, Gulfport, has been elected president of Ray Y. W. A. at Blue Mountain College. Marie Faires, Muscle Shoals, Ala., is vice-president; Margery Smith, Union, is secretary, and Nellie Park, Fort Pierce, Fla., is treasurer. Committee chairmen are: Sara Neely, Charleston; Lucille Connors, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ah How Ching, Honolulu, Hawaii; Emma Claire Merrill, Meridian; Jewell Vaughn, Vernon, Ala.; Joyce McGehee, Gulfport; Evelyn Singleton, Memphis, Tenn.; Maxine May, Union; Waldine Doss, Slate Springs; Myrtle Millstead, Meridian, and Billye Braddock, Ripley.

Miss Joan Day, Pontotoc, has been elected president of Jennings Y. W. A. at Blue Mountain College. Garnette Faye Atkinson, Sartartia, is vice-president, and Emry Jean Little, Lambert, is secretary-treasurer. Committee chairmen are: Boots Hicks, Sledge; Marguerite Mathis, Lamar; Mary Lou McGee, Memphis, Tenn.; Helen Wiggs, Memphis, Tenn.; Betty Jane Sullivan, Sharon, Tenn.; Nell Keen, Elaine, Ark.; Lillian Pearson, Laurens, S. C., and Margaret Anne Weaver, Noxapater.

The State Mission offering from Daniel church, Hinds county, amounted to \$177. The goal was \$100.—C. S. Thomas, pastor.

## John R. Laws Library Almost Ready

Soon the John R. Laws Library will be ready for use. The contractors, D. S. McClanahan & Son, have about completed their work. Beautiful new shelves have been built and the room has been redecorated. Other essential equipment and several hundred new books have been added. This is destined to become one of the very best libraries in the country. Mrs. Eunice Weaver, librarian, will soon be making book talks encouraging the people to make use of this vital service.

—BR—  
R. D. DEARMAN

Funeral services for Robert David (Bob) Dearman were held on his 66th birthday at 10:30 o'clock, October 8, from the Forest Baptist Church. Rev. Seth Granberry assisted by Dr. W. J. Caldwell officiated.

Mr. Dearman died in a Columbia hospital following a prolonged illness. For the past few years he had made his home in Columbia with his daughter, Mrs. B. L. Fillingame.

The deceased, a long time resident of Forest and Jackson, had many friends who mourn his passing. He was a retired timberman, active in social, civic and religious life of the communities in which he lived. For many years he was a deacon in the Forest Baptist Church; and during his residence in Jackson, served as deacon of the First Baptist Church and was an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Hospital.

His influence lives on in the hearts of those he befriended and in the work of the ministers whose education he made possible. His life is exemplified in the words of Paul (II Tim. 4:7), "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. B. L. Fillingame, Columbia; one son, Truett Dearman, Canton; one grandson, Private B. L. Fillingame, Jr., Amarillo, Texas, and one granddaughter, Dotsie Fillingame, Columbia; two brothers, S. A. Dearman, Forest; G. C. Dearman, Tampa, Fla.; four sisters, Mrs. E. W. Grisham, Mrs. C. R. Noblin, Mrs. J. E. Nordan, Mrs. H. D. McNeill, Forest, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the Eastern Cemetery with Ott and Lee Funeral Home in charge.

The Mississippi group of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., held its first meeting of the 1945-46 session on October 10th. Officers elected for the year are: President, Othell Hand, Collinsville; vice president, Charles Whitten, Weir; secretary, Bill Watson, Ellisville; treasurer, Clark McMurray, Doddsville; reporter, Devere Hillman, Leakesville; chorister, Troy Prince, Laurel; pianist, Miss Maxie King, Canton; publicity chairman, Miss Nell Taylor, Meridian; social chairmen, George Jenkins, Lucedale, and Miss Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville. The group welcomed thirteen new members including Chaplain Judson Chastain, formerly pastor at Lexington, who is now taking a refresher course here.

Evangelist McKinley Norman of Dallas, Texas, recently assisted Pastor H. M. Smith in a series of revival services with the First church of Stephenville, Texas, that resulted in 41 additions for baptism. Gospel Singer T. D. Carroll had charge of the music.

The October number of the Choir Herald is full of good music. The music is easy to medium. It contains the following numbers: Our Refuge and Strength; To Live For Thee; Give Thanks Unto the Lord; King of Saints; Choral Prayer; Prayer. Yearly subscriptions are \$1.50. Single copies sell for 15c each.

The report of the First Baptist Church Meridian to the Lauderdale County Association showed that for the year October 1, 1944, to September 1945, that the church had contributed for all purposes, the total sum of \$77,387.43. This amount was divided, \$25,881.51 to current home expenses, \$27,921.28 was added to the building fund reserve, \$23,584.64 was given to missions. The church now has \$73,000 in its building fund.

The report of Coldwater Baptist Church to the Tate County Association showed \$2,345.99 given to local causes, and \$1,513.78, or nearly 40% of the total, to missions, education, and benevolence. This splendid record is largely due to the W. M. S., which gave \$719.25 to causes outside the local church. (An EFP church!)—F. V. McFatrige, pastor.

## WILLIAM TALMAGE YOUNG

William Talmage Young, born near Grenada, Miss., August 14, 1889, passed away at his home in Tinsley, Miss., September 25, 1945. He left his wife, Ruby Logan Young; three children, William Talmage, Jr., Mary Lee and Eddie Jones Young; four sisters: Mrs. Maud Walker, Finley, Tenn.; Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. Carl Agnew, Mrs. Anne Price, all of Memphis, Tenn.; one brother, C. E. Young, Yazoo City, Miss. He was laid to rest in Glenwood Cemetery, of Yazoo City, Miss., September 26, 1945.

Brother Young was a faithful member of the Tinsley Baptist Church. He was a charter member and deacon-elect at the time of his home-going. His sweet Christian spirit will be greatly missed by his family, church and friends.

## New Church To Ban Organization Meetings

Columbus, Ohio—(RNS)—There'll be no organ music, church suppers, missionary societies, and other such things in a new edifice to be constructed for the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ here, if the congregation follows provisions inserted in the deed for land recently purchased for the structure.

The deed provides that the church shall never house an organ or other musical instrument, or a fair, festival, or "other practice unauthorized in the New Testament." It also forbids use of the building to the "Christian Endeavor, Ladies Aid, the Missionary Society, or any auxiliary."



# Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall ALL men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 14:34-35.

## I

We left Monday night on an 800-mile swing throughout north Mississippi from Tishomingo Association on the north east to DeSoto Association on the north west. The trip included five churches with three associations. The Tishomingo Association was largely attended, overrunning the house of worship. A group of interested pastors and laymen, men and women, were present. All churches were represented. We suppose this association has grown in cooperation about as much as any in the state. Moderator Hamilton saw that we had time for presenting the work of Christ.

It was good to be back at Mt. Moriah church where we had visited before. DeSoto Association met at State Line church, Olive Branch. We heard Pastor Bill Drummond in a fine sermon, along with other good reports. Moderator Horton kept the program moving on time.

Tate County Association was largely attended. Dr. H. L. Martin is moderator and Pastor F. V. McFatridge is clerk. The program was well planned, and again, splendid reports were heard. New Hope church proved to be a good host, as did the others.

That night we saw a congregation fill the house at Senatobia. For the first time we showed the Alaska pictures. We were happy to be back with these friends with whom we had such delightful revival experiences last spring. Dr. Martin is certainly a genial host.

Thursday evening we were in the lovely new house of worship at Como. Brother C. H. Skutt is pastor. A fine prayer meeting group was present. We enjoyed a fellowship hour in the pastor's home.

A large congregation was in attendance at First church, Natchez, Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor. Their association letter showed total offerings of \$24,000 and a net membership gain of over 80 for the year. We were happily entertained in the Sullivan home.

It was good to be at Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, for an evening service. Two additions by letter. We slipped in on a good session of the B. T. U. While in Vicksburg we visited with Dr. Haworth for a few minutes. They had nine additions during the day and ten additions the preceding Sunday. The evening congregation almost filled the auditorium.

First Baptist Church, Meridian, Dr. Norman Cox, pastor, was the first to write in for State Mission envelopes. They ordered the goodly sum of 600. Many other orders have been received since.

## II

Mississippi Baptists in 1939 for the first six months of the year gave a total of \$99,094.37 to all causes of Christ beyond the local church. The first six months of 1945 Mississippi Baptists gave to the same causes the goodly sum of \$808,951.12. This is an increase of over 800%. According to figures from Washington which we received through the courtesy of the office of Congressman Dan McGehee, the per capita income of Mississippi for 1939 stood at \$201. Mississippians' per capita income in 1944 stood at \$548. This is an increase in per capita income of only a little over 250%, whereas Mississippi Baptists increased their spiritual fruits in financial contributions over 800%. As we have stated before this is because of the goodness of God, the growing love and loyalty of Mississippi Baptists, an unparalleled spirit of harmony and cooperation among Mississippi Baptists, intensive promotional work, and "good times." We also believe the fact that our Mississippi Baptist life and work has been kept close to the pastors and churches in democratic fashion is also responsible. The program of the associational missionary has been placed squarely at the door of the churches within the association. Office helpers have been repeatedly reminded of the fact that the work of Christ is essentially a matter of good will. This message was preeminent at the birth of the Lord Jesus "peace on earth, good will among men." Our people are repeatedly urged to ask verbally and to write in their questions and problems. They are invited at any and all times to visit the office, to look at their records and to ask for help. We try to respond promptly to every letter coming to this office. While we believe in the Co-operative Program as a main channel for our tithes and offerings in undergirding the whole work of Christ, at the same time we readily urge people to designate as they feel led of the Lord. If the Lord leads the way they will not not go wrong!

**CHALLENGE:** The total income for Mississippi Baptists for 1944 stood at over one hundred fifty million dollars. A bare tithe of that would have been fifteen million dollars. As a matter of fact Mississippi Baptists in 1944 gave to all causes including local church expense and gifts to causes beyond, the total of \$3,457,146.96. That means Mississippi Baptists withheld \$11,500,000 of the Lord's tithe money in 1944. This, despite all the progress we made in His work.

## III

### HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

It is a lamentable fact that, although all Christians pray (for prayer is indeed the believer's "vital breath"), yet there are many who seldom record in actual experience a definite answer to the cry of their hearts.

It is important to bear in mind that there may be, and often are, certain hindrances on our part that cause God to withhold the gift we ask. To Israel He said, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1, 2). Are not solemn words like these often forgotten? Do we not come carelessly into the Lord's presence beseeching Him to undertake for us, only to get no answer from heaven because of our care-

less ways or unjudged sin?

Let me cite a typical incident. A young lady who had, when converted, turned from the world and its follies, was afterward persuaded by carnal friends to break down that wall of separation which at first had been reared between her and the frivolous society out of which grace had called her. She absented herself from the appointed gatherings of the Lord's people, and instead was found in the world's halls of refined pleasures, which nevertheless are enmity against God. She said she detested narrowness, and could see no harm in the things that godly saints shrank from as dishonoring to Christ.

Some months went by, and her loved father was stricken with a severe illness from which he never rallied. His death was to her a great shock, but instead of causing her to return to God it seemed to harden her against Him. Meeting her some months afterwards, I sought to help if possible, but when I inquired as to her spiritual state she replied, "I am filled with doubt and uncertainty. Ever since my father died it has been a fight to keep from going into the darkness of infidelity. I cannot pray. I cannot read my Bible. I am miserable. When my father was taken to the hospital I was in great distress, but turning to my Bible my eye fell on the words, 'Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' It seemed like a direct message to me. I went into my room, and claiming that promise, I prayed earnestly that my father might recover and had no doubt that God would answer me. I trusted His word absolutely, and you know the result! My confidence in prayer was shattered. My faith even in the Bible received a fearful blow. It seems to me that God did not keep His word to me!"

As I looked into her tear-stained anguished face, my heart ached for her, and I prayed for just the right word to help. "Tell me," I inquired. "What do you call a person who tries to cash a check that was made out to someone else, by endorsing it falsely?"

"Oh," she answered, "that would be forgery. If one tried to cash a check not in his name he would be a forger."

"Well, I fear that is your case," I replied. "You tried to cash a check on the Bank of Heaven that was never intended for you. Look at John 15:7. Read the whole check. See to whom it is made out. 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' Were you abiding in Christ as you floated over the ballroom floor? Were His words abiding in you as you sat in the theater? What right had you to cash that particular check?"

Startled, she saw the point and burst into almost hysterical weeping. "Oh," she cried, "I see what you mean! You would tell me that my worldliness murdered my father. It is I who killed him by my ungodly ways! If only I had been living for God I could have prayed so that he would have been healed. I can never forgive myself!"

"Now you are going to the other extreme," I replied. "If you had been abiding in Christ you would not have demanded of God what was clearly not His will. He saw that your father's work was done. It was time for him to go home. You did not take this into account because you were out of touch with the Lord. The Word says, 'If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us' (1 John 5:14). The subject soul will say with His Lord, 'Not my will, but thine, be done.' You overlooked this, and so you have had a bitter lesson."

We have already seen that iniquity in the heart or life precludes the possibility of the prayer of faith. But I desire to notice some very definite New Testament Scriptures indicating the exact nature of some of these hindrances.

### I. A CONDEMNING HEART

In 1 John 3:20-22 we are told, "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." The entire passage, from verse 14 to the end of the chapter, shows us that he who would pray in confidence when his own need arises must ever walk in love and consideration for others, and minister to their need as he has opportunity. Otherwise, how can he go to God with an uncondemning heart when in distress himself? The principle is of wide application. Whatever condemns me in my own conscience hinders prayer. Till it is judged, pleading and wrestling are in vain. Let me search and try my ways and see if I am allowing anything in my life that is grieving the Spirit.

### II. AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

In Mark 11:23-26 the Lord sets forth in no uncertain language the folly of expecting God to hear and answer prayer if wrath and bitterness are cherished in the heart. "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any." If born of God I have been forgiven: therefore I should forgive. But, as a failing child, I daily need forgiveness myself; therefore it is incumbent upon me to forgive my brother. If I cherish resentment and withhold forgiveness, I cannot pray with assurance. God has never promised to answer the prayer of one who has an unforgiving spirit. He who would receive from the God of all grace must keep his heart with all diligence—guarding it against malice and harshness when he has been offended or wronged in any way.

### III. SELFISHNESS

In James 4:3 a third hindrance is suggested: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it on your lusts." Selfishness is in the way. God loves us too well to grant every request of our selfish hearts.

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### SHALL WE CLEAN A PLACE?

In other days our forefathers had to clear our grounds for farming. The chips and dust flew as axes were wielded. A place was being cleared for our fathers and our crops. We must avoid the policy of wielding the law to clean a place for the church. The church is a regenerating agency, not a reforming set up. Christ meant for His church to change people, not rearrange what was already here. The truth is that salvation brings something new, a "new creation," to the individual, not just a message of encouragement which seeks to get us to do a little better. We may relieve physical suffering with charities but we will not make the people or society different by it; we might get more order into society by disciplinary laws, sternly enforced, but by these we will not increase goodness; we might lift the standard of living by great attention to economic conditions, but we will not force up the spiritual condition of the people by it, we might enhance culture by education, but we will not advance Christ-like dispositions by it. Now we are not against the above policies and procedures, we should give great comfort to the advancement of them and to their welfare but we must cling to our main task as a church, namely, preaching and promoting salvation by grace! These other things might claim our attention, but let us keep in mind that by clearing these things away will not bring the kingdom in. The church clears its own place in the world by its regenerated influence. Let souls be saved and they will perform the charities and clean up their environment. Let us preach Christ crucified!

### THE PERIL OF PLENTY

Baptists' greatest opposition now is not poverty. This was once one of our greatest excuses for not doing more for the kingdom. We must be careful lest plenty become our main handicap. Complacency is so easy seated. Baptists on the whole are becoming middle class. This means they are becoming well off. History warns by experience that economic wealth does not always enhance the spirit of the work; it need not abate it, or hinder it! Many new denominations spring up among classes once ministered to by a group which was BECOMING wealthy. The holy stir among the poor and ignorant classes is made possible by our lack of provision for them. By this we mean that we hold that certain groups will not come to many of our churches. It is not the church's fault; the church wants them and seeks to get them, but these people classify themselves as not being wanted. More churches might be the answer.

### RELIGION THE SOLDIERS' CHOICE

Recently we read in the secular papers a summary of the extra-curricular choices of the returning service men, at one of the largest state schools. They were entering, many of them, under the so-called "G. I. Joe" bill accepting the government's help in education. In the analysis of these things listed in which the returning soldier was most interested, the largest single choice was "Religion." There were 40% of the entire group filling in the questionnaire who stated that they intended to place their outside activities in the realm of the religious when they went back to school.

Need we say that is one of the most hopeful trends yet seen in which we may catch a glimpse of the way the boys feel as they come home? Shame on us if we do not as Christians offer them spiritual, radiant churches through which they may project their influence to the world in Jesus! May God richly bless all those boys! May every pastor counsel with them and find out what they wish to do, and let them help him share the responsibilities of the field at home and everywhere! In planning for the boys in the churches, would the committees do well to ascertain what they are most interested in, and seek to help them engage in the soul-satisfying activities found in a real New Testament church?

Many "home-coming" celebrations reported in the papers re-

cently in this state stressed the social side, and often ended with a "community dance." It strikes us that it may be the folks who have stayed home and had an easy time who are the most interested in the "social side." Boys who have seen and felt things in the light of great realities are evaluating things more keenly now.

### SELECTING MEMORIES

Selecting the thoughts harbored in the mind may be a new idea to some people. Many have the idea that "one cannot help what one thinks about." "If one thinks about something one should not, how can that one be blamed? It cannot be helped." That line of reasoning is not in accordance with Bible teaching.

Read: "... whatsoever things are true, ... honest, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... of good report; if there be any virtue, ... praise, ... think on these things. ... And the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:8, 9b.)

It is true that evil thoughts, bitter resentments, and envyings may momentarily appear in the mind. But, birds fly over our heads, and cast shadows on us, but we do not permit them to build nests in our hair. So, we need not allow evil thoughts to take up their abode in our hearts. One IS responsible for thoughts entertained.

With apologies to Don Blanding we quote the following:

I think of Today as my vagabond's pack;

It's just so big, and there's not much room,

So, I'll be blessed if I'll burden my back

With an irksome bundle of Yesterday's gloom.

That space that is taken by bitter thought

Is stolen from joy by a clever thief.

The quota of sorrow that Yesterday brought

Will clutter my pack with its weight of grief.

So, I sort out memories for Today, With the joys marked, "Keep," and griefs, "Returned—"

And only bring forward from Yesterday

The good that I found and the lessons learned.

### NO BAPTISMS IN 6,555 CHURCHES

Dr. E. P. Alldredge, who retired as Convention statistician on October first, recently released some revealing figures, some of them humiliating. He revealed that 6,555 Southern Baptist churches did not report a single baptism for 1944.

For the year 1944 baptisms

totalled 218,223, an increase of 16,000 over the previous year.

Dr. Alldredge also reported that Highland Park church, Chattanooga, Tenn., led all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms with 232. Lee Roberson is pastor. Eight churches baptized more than 200, and 88 more than 100.

### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

### I AM A ONE-TALENT MAN

Dear Dr. Gilbert:

I have just read your article on "Church Loyalty," and am moved to tell you a story. I am a Mississippi man with 33 years in Georgia, a retired federal employee from the Augusta Arsenal.

For many years I lived in a small town in Mississippi, thirty miles north of Jackson and fifteen miles south of Yazoo City—two trains a day each way. Could go to "town" (Yazoo City) at 4:00 p. m. and return at 7:30, which I frequently did. On one occasion, about 1901, when I went to the station at 7:00 p. m. to go home, I found the train posted two and one-hour hours late, which enabled me to go to the Baptist church prayer meeting (it being Wednesday). I took a seat near the back door and listened attentively. The subject was: "How Can I Best Serve My Church," announced a week in advance. Various men made appropriate talks, when, finally, a carpenter, several years older than I, arose and said: "Brethren, I am a one talent man and I know it. I can't teach a class like Brother So-and-So; I can't make a talk like Brother So-and-So, and so on, but there is one thing a one talent man can do, and I have made up my mind that is, by the help of the Lord, I am never going to miss a service of my church." I don't remember speaking to anybody after services, but, back in the dark, unknown to anybody, I made the same covenant with the Lord and William McMurtray, and have kept it forty-four years.

Ten years later, I was living in South Mississippi, teaching, and went to Starkville in summer time to a teachers' normal, and, on Wednesday night after services, while talking with the pastor, a nicely dressed, splendid talking young man came and told the pastor he wanted to "speak to Mr. Kelly. I know Mr. Kelly." I found he was from Yazoo City and a son of William McMurtray. I learned from the pastor he was a teacher in the great A. and M.

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College, and was "one of the finest young men" he ever knew. A week later I was visiting in Yazoo City and attended prayer-meeting conducted by William McMurtry, who recognized me and asked me to make a talk, which I did, telling of my experience a week before. While I was speaking, I noticed tears flowing down the one talent deacon's face. If all one talent men would make this covenant, all our churches would be filled at all services.

Nothing I have ever done has given as great a blessing to me as this. I commend it.

Fraternally,

T. M. Kelly, Augusta, Ga.

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## CHURCH PLANS PROGRAM FOR RETURNING VETERANS

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senior grade!"

4. MEMORIAL. This committee is preparing an appropriate permanent memorial for installation in the church. This will include an appropriate Roll of Honor for the vestibule of the church and a "Book of Remembrance" which will carry a picture and the service record of each man, to be kept in the church library. But the committee's special project is the "living memorial," the nature of which has not been finally decided. Three things are under consideration: a church-owned camp, full support of a missionary couple, or a memorial scholarship fund for seminary training of preachers and missionaries. The last named is most likely to be adopted, with one scholarship for each of the gold stars on our service flag. This fund will serve as a perennial reminder of the price paid for freedom.

The veterans have expressed their appreciation of the work being done. They know what it is to give allegiance to a cause, and can help us find a new quality of allegiance to the Kingdom.

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## New Church Organized At Gulfport

A group of Gulfport citizens met recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller for the purpose of organizing a church. The church has been named East Side Baptist Church and Rev. W. T. Miller was elected pastor and appointed moderator. Other officers are: George Neary and Hubert Robinson, deacons; O. D. Miller, George Neary, Hubert Robinson and A. H. Miller, trustees.

Several have united with the church since its organization. Weekly prayer services are held Wednesday nights in homes.

Lots have been purchased and plans are under way for erecting a house of worship.

Editor's note: The pastor says the EVERY FAMILY list will come soon.

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## McCrary Goes To Lyon

Rev. James McCrary of West Point has accepted the pastorate of Lyon church. He will conduct the first service as pastor on November 11. Mr.

## Convention Will Act On Copiah Memorial

At the suggestion of Dr. Bryan Simmons we publish below the Copiah county memorial which is to be acted upon at the coming State Convention. It was submitted at the 1944 meeting and according to the constitution was held over until the 1945 sessions.

## Report of Committee on Copiah County Memorial

## Proposed Substitute for Paragraph One of Article Ten of the Constitution

No new project, involving the expenditure of money, shall be launched by the Convention or any of its institutions or agencies until the money for such project is in hand, unless said project can be completed in units. Then the project may be launched when money is in hand for the first unit and the project may be promoted unit by unit as money is available.

In case a dire emergency arises with the Convention or any of its institutions or agencies, demanding immediate attention, the Convention or institution or agency involved may, with the concurrence of the executive committee of the Convention Board make appeal to our churches for funds to meet such emergency.

Neither the Convention nor any of its institutions or agencies shall incur indebtedness on current operations for more than 10% of its current budget during any fiscal year and any such institution or agency is hereby bound to reduce its operating budget for the ensuing year to 90% of the budget of the preceding year and not increase that operating budget until the aforesaid debt on current expenses is liquidated.

R. B. GUNTER,  
T. D. BROWN,  
NORMAN W. COX,  
L. G. GATES,  
BRYAN SIMMONS,  
Committee.

According to constitutional provisions, this matter is held over for action by the 1945 convention.

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## MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED FOR SON

One year ago Capt. Truett K. Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bullock of Columbia, Mississippi, was killed in a plane crash in Sweden. He, with five crew members, was flying a secret mission under the command of the 8th Air Force. Prior to this he had completed his bomber missions over Germany piloting a B-24 Liberator.

Capt. Bullock was born near Tylertown, Mississippi, grew up in Tylertown and attended school there and Holmes Junior College, and Alabama University. He was 26 years old at his death and unmarried. He was a consecrated Christian, and although he has made the supreme sacrifice for his country, his life and memory will be perpetuated through a memorial fund placed with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. The income will be used for Foreign Mission work, either to support a native worker in China, or at the discretion of the Foreign Mission Board.

McCrary has been serving as a chaplain in the army, but has received his discharge.

Pastor McCrary is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary. He is 29 years of age. Mrs. McCrary is a graduate of Florida State Teachers College and a M.A. graduate of Duke University.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST

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Yet how often we forget this. Suppose, for instance, I desired great wealth. Why not come to God and ask for a million dollars? If I did, would I receive it? Certainly not. God loves me too much to entrust me with any such fabulous sum unless the circumstances be exceptional. But if I ask Him for His glory, a million is nothing to Him. George Muller asked and received more than five million in fifty years to feed and shelter thousands of orphan children. God honored his faith, and gave the means as required.

And in a lesser way, many of His servants can tell to His praise and glory how they have come to Him about financial and other needs in order to carry on the work committed to them, and He has answered most graciously, and demonstrated in marvelous ways that He is indeed the living God. But what He thus gives is a sacred trust to be administered for Him, not to be consumed on our own lusts.

Therefore, when we pray for temporal things it is well that we search ourselves, examining our motives in the light of His Word, that we may not ask selfishly, but for His glory. And, be it remembered, it is in accordance with His will that we trust Him for food and raiment, and pray to Him to supply the necessities of life. That is not the prayer of selfishness, but of childlike confidence. It was Christ Himself who said, "Pray ye . . . Give us this day our daily bread." And we have the same privilege still, for, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" we are encouraged to "let our requests be made known unto God."

## IV. WAVERING

One last hindrance I would notice. It is mentioned in James 1:6, 7: "Let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed, for let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord." Wavering is really unbelief, and unbelief is the very opposite of faith, and therefore a prime hindrance to prayer.

But wavering is generally a symptom of something deeper. He who wavers may well examine himself and see whether he has not a condemning heart, an unforgiving spirit, a selfish motive, or whether there is not some definite thing in his life whereby his prayer is hindered. It is absolutely impossible to offer the prayer of faith if any of these things are present. Faith and holiness are too intimately linked to be separated. God reveals His will to one who walks before Him, and thus He is enabled to "ask in faith, nothing wavering." Where there is no such assurance it is well to take the word of the prophet: "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord" (Hosea 6:3). And so we shall enter into His mind and understand His will, in order that we may pray in accordance with His Word, and so without hindrance.—Reprinted from The Christian Digest.

## Parkway Observes Pastor's Seventh Anniversary

Parkway Baptist Church observed October 17 as the seventh anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. A. Bell. There was a great throng of folks present and a fine spiritual atmosphere as Dr. Bell reviewed the many accomplishments of the church during the seven years of his ministry in which period God has done mighty things through the people. Some of the major achievements are as follows: In spite of much wartime shifting, the membership of the church has multiplied approximately five times. The indebtedness on the old building was paid and a new auditorium was erected and furnished at a cost of \$70,000. There is nearly enough money in the sinking fund to pay this debt in full. Four new lots have been secured and paid for, giving this church the property running through the entire block. Money looking toward the next unit of their building program is being secured. An educational plant that will take care of 1200 people has been planned. The budget has increased from \$40 per week to \$60 per week. Large increases in the enrollment of the Sunday school, Training Union, and W. M. U. have been effected. Through an original grant by the Hederman family and an amount carried each year in the budget of the church, Parkway has the largest church library in the state.

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Calvary, Greenwood: The construction of the new Sunday school rooms in the basement of the church is practically complete.

Rev. H. W. Roberson has resigned at Lexington in order to accept the pastorate of Bowmar Avenue church, Vicksburg. He begins his new work November 1.

## Dr. JAMES McKEE ADAMS

(Excerpts from funeral address by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller.)

Dr. James McKee Adams has answered the heavenly Father's summons to come home to receive the greatest of all plaudits, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The life of Dr. Adams is a witness of what marvelous things God's grace can do for a sinner, and his ministry is a demonstration of what marvelous things it can do through a redeemed sinner for others. His heart was so consistently full of love that never did I hear one criticism from his lips of any one. Never have I heard one criticism from the lips of others about him.

Dr. Adams was untiring in his efforts as evangelist, soul-winner, speaker at assemblies and on special occasions, pastor, helper of other pastors, counsellor and advisor, friend, and neighbor.

As a member of the Seminary faculty, Dr. Adams took a department which had been a minor department and made it a major department. By years of extensive travels, by diligent and patient research, by working all day and long into the night, he created the textbooks for his department, books which are used in many seminaries of other denominations. By affectionate, passionate, and effective teaching he made his courses of study among the most popular and profitable of the Seminary. Long before his death he had taken his place among the greatest scholars of this generation in his field.

The life and ministry of Dr. Adams will be a rich and invaluable heritage for Southern Seminary.



## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for November 4

### FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Texts: Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 2:44-47; 4:31-37; Romans 12; Philippians 1:27-2:4; I John 3:14-24

#### Introduction.

Please take time to read all the texts. They set forth virtues which if practiced bring greatest blessings to others, and even increasing strength to the church.

#### I. The Lord's Personal Lesson on Church Discipline. Matt. 18:15-20.

In Matthew 16:18, our Lord first mentions His church and says that He will build it, thus putting its founding in the future from that time. Here for the second and last time, He mentions the church, giving directions as to how matters of discipline are to be handled in the case of one brother's wronging another. Note how the matter is to be handled. First, the wronged one is to approach the wrongdoer, and, in the spirit of Christ, tell the wrongdoer his fault. Tell it to him rather than to someone else, and tell it to him in a spirit of brotherly love, not looking for any sort of personal satisfaction of injured feeling so much as of healing a hurt done the body of Christ. If the wrongdoer acknowledges his fault and makes it right, well and good. If he refuses, then let the wronged take one or two other brethren and approach the erring brother again. He may listen, when he sees a number of brethren think his conduct culpable. But, if he does not, then it is proper to lay the matter before the whole church that the whole body may take cognizance of it. If the offender hear the church, well; but if he refuse, the final and only step left to take is excommunication. And that sets the wrongdoer where he was at the first, and he is to be approached by the Christians as though he needed salvation through pardon of his sins, as he did in the beginning.

#### II. An Ideal Situation. Acts 2:44-47; 4:31-37.

I wish you would stop and consider this first and most rapidly growing church. It was made up of believers, people who had turned in faith to the Lord and were trusting Him for salvation from sin and for guidance in life. See what is said of them: 1. They were together. "Of course!" No, it is not, "of course" at all. The ideal church is one in which the members get together, in spirit, not only, but in bodily presence as well. God's blessings come to people who get together. His promises are made in very large proportion to people who are met in congregation. The matter of church attendance is one of importance to the individual and the church. 2. They shared in blessings, holding their possessions in common to meet an emergency created by the circumstances under which they were called at that time to live. Each man laid all that he had on the altar of service of His Lord by administering to the needs of his brothers in the Lord. If this sort of situation should arise again, the obligation would bind the Christians now as it did in the first days of the church. 3. They had fellow-

Slayden: Our new pastor, Rev. R. O. Bankston, preached on October 21 for the first time. Our offering for State Missions amounted to \$90. Three were baptized in the afternoon. The work seems to be starting off in a wonderful way.—Boyd Watkins.

Meridian: Three persons were 100% in attendance at Sunday school at Highland church all last year. They are Lewis Wilson, Mrs. E. H. Richie and Sara Ann Luke. Congratulations! Edward L. Byrd is pastor.

During the month of September twenty additional members were received into the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Mississippi. While this church has been without a pastor for the past several months the doors of the church have been kept open and every organization of the church is functioning in a splendid manner. The members of this church are especially grateful to Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible at Mississippi College for supplying the pulpit during these months.—Mrs. Roy Wood, church secretary.

ship. That is, they shared their experiences in the Lord, and their gifts to the work of the Lord. They rejoiced in the Lord, each being encouraged by the experience and joy of all. 4. They grew. It was so, is so now, always will be so, that a church which does the other things that this church did will grow. 5. They prayed, and that was their weapon of offense against an unfriendly world. The passage from the fourth chapter of Acts relates how they took the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and prayer. 6. This life of prayer brought them to a condition of unity. There was no class, faction, party, but all were one in heart and mind. 7. They had power in witnessing. They were bold to testify, and their testimony was effective.

#### III. Effects of Christian Consecration. Romans 12.

Of course the chapter begins with an exhortation to consecration, or rather, an exhortation to dedication. A dedication is a presenting, a giving, a yielding. The Christian is to make God a present of his body, not of his carcass, his cadaver; but of his body, his living body, his sentient body, with all the powers with which it is invested for service. Then he is told how to make this dedication. 1. It is to be done by refusing to go the way of a godless world. 2. And by renewing the mind by forming the current of its thoughts across the current of the thought of a godless world. Finally, the issue of this consecration is set forth in the guarantee that he shall come to know what is the will of God.

The Christian is not to think too highly of his own rights and immunities as a Christian, but is to think of himself in humility as a sinner saved by the grace of God alone, and, hence, as a debtor for all he may have to God and Him alone, and under bond to serve God through service of fellow Christians.

Because the individual Christian is a member of a larger body, the church, and no body can be as sound as it should or perform the functions that it should if some of its members are sick, weak, insubordinate to the will of the whole.

The end of all the laws and rules for Christian living is love. Let this principle arbitrate in the heart, and there will never be occasion for church discipline beyond the teaching of the individual Christian what the will and wish of the Lord is in any condition.



## Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

### WELCOME, CROWDER

Rev. Loyd Shelton, pastor, writes of the organization of a new Brotherhood in the Crowder Baptist Church. Says Brother Shelton: "We organized a Brotherhood here at Crowder on Thursday night, October 15. There were sixteen charter members. The following officers were elected: President, Pat Atkinson; membership vice-president, W. P. Knight; program vice-president, L. E. Yarber; secretary-treasurer, L. J. Clemmer. Our meetings will be held on the second Thursday evening in each month." We wish them great success!

### LOWREY MEMORIAL (Blue Mountain)

While we do not have a report of all the officers elected, we are informed that Lowrey Memorial church, Dr. C. J. Smyly, pastor, has organized a Brotherhood in the last few weeks. Dean Ernest H. Cox, of Blue Mountain College is president, and R. H. Mitchell is secretary-treasurer.

We are delighted to have a Brotherhood in this influential church in a college center. Not only will the local church receive benefits from this organization, but the young women in training in Blue Mountain will come to know and value the Brotherhood as an essential part of the church program. They will wield a good influence in the direction of Brotherhood work, stirring up the men to progress, as has always been the case in our denominational history.

### NEW HOPE (Sunflower)

While Brother S. B. Herrington was pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Sunflower county, he led in the organization of a Brotherhood. The good work goes on. The secretary visited this church and Brotherhood and found the men enthusiastic about the work of the Brotherhood. Recently Brother Marvin D. Bibb, activities vice-president, wrote of a few of their special activities.

"Our Brotherhood was organized in the early summer of 1944," says Brother Bibb, "by Rev. S. B. Herrington, and we adopted the name of the church, the New Hope Baptist Brotherhood."

"In the early fall of 1944 one of our members became ill and was taken to the hospital. His condition was very serious. His cotton needed picking, and his other crops were ready to harvest. In a Brotherhood meeting we decided that every man was to bring pickers and come prepared to help, himself. While the pickers were busy in the cotton, the men gathered corn, dug potatoes, harvested peanuts. One man disked land and drilled in a cover crop. In two days the crop was gathered; and some of the men assisted the sick brother in marketing his crop. The family could not thank the men of the Brotherhood enough for their services."

"When the patient was brought home from the hospital, he had to have someone to stay with him at night; and the Brotherhood took over again. The men took turns sitting up with him at night. He is now active in the church and Brotherhood and we feel rewarded for our service

by his interest in the work.

### Other Services

"Last spring, the wife of one of our members became very sick, and in the stress of attending her, this member got badly behind with his work in the crop. The Brotherhood went to his assistance. About fifteen men and a few boys chopped cotton for him one day and brought his work to where he could handle it himself. A letter of appreciation went to every member, and we all rejoice in the privilege we had of being of service to our brother."

"On another occasion a member got sick, and twenty men with two tractors worked out his crop."

### Aid Returning Veterans

"We are very much interested now in a special effort to help returning servicemen to find their place in the church. We have provided a special committee to visit each returning veteran and invite him to church. We are expecting one of our members home soon who has been in a Jap prison camp four years. A supper in his honor is being planned by our men."

We rejoice in the report on activities from Brother Bibb. His letter shows how practical a Brotherhood can be in a rural church.

### RAILROADS WILL FURNISH FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Dear Mr. Mize:

With further reference to your letter of recent date.

We have authorized free transportation of donations for the charitable institutions of Jackson, Miss., during the period November 17-December 6, 1945. This authority will include the Methodist Home, Baptist Orphanage, Mississippi Children's Home Society, Old Ladies' Home and Old Men's Home.

Assuring you of our pleasure in cooperation to this extent with the very fine program of these institutions.

Yours very truly,

H. T. LEWIS,  
District Service Agent,  
Illinois Central System.

(Note: I am sure the same splendid service will be contributed by the other railroads: G. M. & O., Gulf Transport Company, Mississippi Central, and the Columbus and Greenville.—W. G. Mize.)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHARGES TUITION FEE

Los Angeles, Calif.—(RNS)—Children who attend Sunday school at the First Congregational church here must pay a fee of two dollars annually, according to Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr., pastor of the church. He said experts of various denominations would be employed as instructors.

Declaring that the Sunday school was "making an attack on spiritual illiteracy," Dr. Fifield voiced the belief that parents should consider the spiritual education of their children worth paying for.

"We may be criticized for making a charge for such services," he said, "but we are not afraid of criticism."

Rev. J. H. Street, state Brotherhood secretary will assist Pastor R. D. Pearson and the Macon church in revival services November 4-11.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
W. R. ROBERTS, Associate

### New Superintendents

At the beginning of each Sunday school year, October 1, there are a great number of new Sunday school superintendents over the state. We have no way of knowing of these changes, unless someone writes us, until the associational minutes come to us so we can check them. This is usually several weeks after a new year begins, and in some cases several months.

Therefore, we shall greatly appreciate it if the superintendent will write us if he is new in that place so we can put the name on our list. We want to keep our mailing list of superintendents as up to date as possible. If your superintendent is new, please tell us, giving his name and address, and also the church and association.

### Pontotoc Growth

We appreciate greatly a good word from Brother H. O. Leavell, moderator of the Pontotoc County Association, and a former associational Sunday school superintendent, stating that in 1942 Pontotoc county had 35 churches with 20 Sunday schools, and that now there are 36 churches and 37 Sunday schools. One church does not have a Sunday school but there are two branch schools in the association.

This is certainly good evidence of fine leadership on the part of pastors and people in their work, and Brother Leavell has surely had a fine part in this. We rejoice with them over this progress.

### More Than 500

For the first time in our history we have this year more than 500 Vacation Bible schools in the state. The exact number at this writing (October 23) is 530, with quite a number of other reports to come in. Every association in the state has now reported one or more Vacation schools for this year except Noxubee and Benton. We hope they will come in yet. The largest previous number was last year with 446. So it seems that we will go close to 100 over last year. If your school has not yet reported, please do so at once.

### The Darlove Way

A few years ago the Hollandale Baptist Church in Deer Creek Association established a Mission Station at Darlove, some miles out. Now Darlove is a full time church and has two Mission Stations of its own. This year that church had its own Vacation Bible school and two Mission schools also. That is the Darlove way of doing things.

The pastor is Rev. R. A. Langley, and to say that Brother and Mrs. Langley are on any field is another way of saying that there is something going on.

### New Year Standards

Since we are now in the new Sunday school year, it is time for schools to send in their applications for standard recognition. Any school that now meets all of the points of the standard is entitled to make application for this recognition.

Of course, the classes and departments that are working to reach the

standard for this quarter, which ends December 31, will make application for standard recognition in January, since the class and department applications are based on a three months period. But the schools may send in theirs now, if all points are reached, for the new year.

There are a great number of schools, departments and classes that are very close to being standard—lacking only one or two points, or only a part of one or two points. If the leaders of these units will carefully check over the various points and see exactly where they stand, then call to the attention of the pupils how near the standard they are, they can be enlisted in sufficient extra work to bring up what is lacking. We trust that we may have for this new year the largest number ever.

### Free Literature

If requests for free literature are any index to growth and development, then there is no question but that our work is certainly on the upgrade. We have never had so many requests for free materials as we have had this fall. We are grateful for the fact that our people are using these free leaflets and pamphlets dealing with all phases of Sunday school work.

The Sunday School Board publishes each year an enormous quantity of these free materials. Our people are requested to write us for them at any time and we shall be delighted to mail them.

Because we have so many requests, and because of the paper situation due to the war, we are sometimes temporarily out of some of these leaflets. However, if we are at the time of your order, we shall mail you what we have and keep your order on file to finish it just as soon as the others come to us from Nashville. So, if we don't complete your order at the time you send it, please be patient with us and we shall do so just as soon as we receive it.

Of course, the purpose of all this literature is for study on the part of the people, especially the leaders, and then to put the information gained from it into practical operation. We hope it may be a blessing to all who use it.

—BR—

The people of Thrasher church served a delightful fellowship supper the last week we were there. The church at this time presented us with two occasional chairs. It was good to work with this group and preach for them at 9 o'clock two Sundays a month during our pastorate at Booneville.—J. D. Thompson, Plantersville.

Waynesboro: There were 16 charter members in the newly organized Sunday school class for ladies under 30 years of age. The name selected was Friendship class. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Leslie Wade, president; Mrs. Robert Livingston, first vice-president; Mrs. Wayne Waller, second vice-president; Mrs. R. C. Hyde, third vice-president; Mrs. Fountain Williams, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Tanner, reporter; Mrs. Eldie F. Hicks, teacher. Eight new members have already united with the class. We had a class meeting and social hour on October 30.—Reporter.

## Girding For The Finish

Duke K. McCall, President  
Baptist Bible Institute  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Like the final "spurt" of a race, extra effort is needed for a victorious finish of our Crusade.

Races are either won or lost at the "home stretch." When our Southern Baptist Centennial Evangelistic Crusade is concluded, will we be able to say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course"? We are now entering the last lap of our race with Satan's forces; in three short months we will know the answer.

We Baptists are the challengers. We chose the time. We set the goal. It is too late now to turn back, even if we want to do so. We cannot settle for less than complete victory.

We can best bring into focus what the goal of a million won means to each of us by applying it to ourselves. Last year Southern Baptists won one-fourth of a million souls to Christ. This year each of us who engaged in the achievement of last year must do as much each quarter as we did in the entire year. As this last quarter of the year begins, how far are you on your way to finishing your personal part of this Southwide Program? It has been estimated that only 250,000 of our church members are soul winners; so to reach a million, each person must claim for Christ four lost souls this year. Surely every Sunday school teacher can do that much.

We must concentrate not only our own interest, but also the interest of those about us on evangelism. Check below all of the suggestions you are using to the fullest extent.

Talk about the CENTENNIAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE at every opportunity.

Place posters about the Crusade, especially those illustrating the plan of salvation, in every available spot. Keep the pockets and pocketbooks of your class filled with tracts.

Most important, always include a petition in every prayer that the Holy Spirit will come upon us in marvelous manifestation of power, that a day like unto Pentecost may be experienced.

There is only one way personal work will ever get more of our time. Plan for it. How many of these steps have you taken? (1) List the unsaved members and prospects of your class. (2) Pray for them. Give them a tract. Write them a letter. Invite them to sit with you in the preaching service. In private plead with them to accept Christ. (3) Designate a definite period each week for personal soul winning efforts.

After we have won all the unsaved in our Sunday schools and all who visit our worship services, we will not have reached our goal. Some new tactics must be found, and some old ones must be put into use. Try these, or invent others. (1) Encourage your church to start a mission Sunday school. (2) Start a class for the young people or maybe the older ones in your neighborhood, especially if you live far from the church. Have this in your home during the week. Sometimes there are groups of people who cannot attend services on Sunday, such as nurses in the hospitals or war workers. (3) Have a revival just for your class or department. Let

## Ministerial Aid Plan Explained

Many applications to the Board of Ministerial Education for help indicate that there should be a better understanding as to the requirements necessary for securing such help. The Board was created for the purpose of helping worthy and needy students for the ministry to get a college education.

One requirement is that the applicant must be a licensed Baptist minister. It is not sufficient for the applicant simply to state that he expects to go into the ministry. It is not necessary that he be ordained, but he should have the approval of his church by being licensed.

Second, he must be of college grade.

Every community is in reach of a good school where students can complete high school units free. Therefore students should not ask for help till they are ready for college.

The applicant must agree not to use tobacco in any form while receiving help. The Board feels that the denominational funds should not be used in helping students to buy cigarettes which will be detrimental to their influence and their health.

There should be an actual need for help. Ex-service men whose college expenses are paid by the government, and others who do not actually need help should not apply. The applicant should attend either Clarke or Mississippi College, and he should not ask for help for at least six months after getting married. A man should not get married till he is financially able to take care of a wife for at least six months before asking for help.

The first step when a student needs aid is to get an application blank from the secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education at Clinton. Each applicant is considered on its merits and the Board tries to be wise and reasonable in spending the money which is entrusted into its hands for ministerial education.

M. P. L. BERRY, Secretary.

—BR—

Picayune: Dr. Tom Brown and Rev. A. E. Pardue began a series of services with us Monday evening, October 22. Both have made a good start. Rev. Jeff Brantley is pinch hitting with the pastor. People are coming and the spirit is fine.—O. P. Estes, pastor.

Remember the orphanage has only one designated date given by the Mississippi Baptist Convention this year for special offering. This date is Thanksgiving. Let every Mississippi Baptist do his or her very best.

it run for eight consecutive Sundays instead of through the week. (4) Use your Sunday school organization in the church revival. (5) Plan services by your class in the hospitals, jails, on the streets—wherever you can get an audience.

Above all help your pastor mobilize all the personal workers in your church. Tell him you will be glad to take assignments. Help him find and train the prospective soul winners in your class.

Is winning a million worth all this effort, even as a celebration of our Centennial? There is nothing sacred about the number—one million. The point is not a million, but a million SOULS. Jesus Christ left heaven to die on a cross for them. What a waste of divine love, unless we tell the lost about it! Centennial or not, we ought to do it. This year we will.—The Teacher.



## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### ADAMS-FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION

Adams-Franklin Association met with McCall Creek church, Rev. J. E. Drane, pastor.

Officers elected were: Dr. W. A. Sullivan, moderator; N. W. Carpenter, vice-moderator; H. O. French, clerk, and Mrs. O. V. Lee, treasurer.

Moderator Sullivan gave us an ideal place on the morning program and also asked us to speak on The Cooperative Program.

The ladies of McCall Creek had prepared a splendid lunch which was served under the trees in the church yard.

Adams-Franklin Association now has Record readers listed as follows: NATCHEZ FIRST 288, WEST SIDE NATCHEZ 138, Immanuel 6, Concord 1, DAMASCUS 41, EDDICETON 31, HAMBURG 18, HOPEWELL 15, LUCIEN 13, McCALL CREEK 37, MEADVILLE 28, New Hope 8, NEW SALEM 19, O'ZION 33, Quentin 1, ROXIE 48, Siloam 1, SAREPTA 30, BUDE 62, RAHAM 42, Pleasant Valley 4, Bunkley 1, Mt. Zion 1.

### BOLIVAR COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Although they are pastorless, the Rosedale Baptists entertained the Bolivar County Association with true southern hospitality.

Most of the churches of the Bolivar Association have the EVERY FAMILY Plan but we were given a good place on the morning program to discuss The Baptist Record and State Missions.

Dr. H. L. Cockerham was elected moderator. Other officers elected were: Vice moderator, Dr. C. F. Treadway; clerk, Rev. J. W. Sturdivant; treasurer, Bob Wolfe; Sunday school leader, Bob Crosby; BTU leader, Louis Meyers; stewardship leader, Mrs. Tom McCorkle; evangelistic leader, Rev. C. C. Carraway.

Rev. Jewett J. Burson was nominated to be the State Convention Board member to succeed Rev. J. H. Logan, who is leaving the association to become pastor at Lambert and Sledge.

The 1946 session will meet at Cleveland on October 15. Rev. J. T. Renfroe was selected to preach the associational sermon.

Bolivar county Record readers are now listed as follows: BENOIT 47, BOYLE 67, CLEVELAND FIRST 236, DUNCAN 29, GUNNISON 13, INTERSTATE 31, MERIGOLD 38, MORRISON CHAPEL 27, PACE 28, Providence 9, ROSEDALE 46, SHADY OAK 12, Shaw 5, SHELBY 61, SKENE 42, Stringtown 1, Waxhaw 11, BOLIVAR MISSION 24, Centerfield 3, MELTONIA 10.

### COUNTY LINE CHURCH, LEAKE COUNTY

While supplying for Dr. Wm. Potter at Carthage we also had the privilege of preaching at one of his afternoon appointments, County Line church. And the house was full.

They plan to renovate and paint the church in the near future. The Sunday school and Training Union are making progress under the leadership of Charles Fletcher and Cecil Smith. The church has a well-planned budget.

Record readers in Leake county are now listed as follows: ROCK POINT 49, CARTHAGE 128, CEDAR GROVE 39, Dossville 4, LENA 76, Hurricane Creek 8, Bethel 1, McDONALD 19, MADDEN 33, MIDWAY 28, MT. CARMEL 11, NEW HOPE 25, NEW PROSPECT 13, STANDING PINE 19, TUSCOLA 41, THOMASTOWN 63, WALNUT GROVE 78, MARS HILL 33, Mt. Zion 1, GOOD HOPE 33, COUNTY LINE 46, Union Ridge 8, Freeny 10, Salem 2, Sunrise 1, CORINTH 49, Conway 2, PLEASANT HILL 20.

### SMITH COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ted church and Pastor G. C. Carlisle were A-1 hosts to the annual meeting of the Smith County Association.

Officers elected were: Moderator, Rev. G. C. Carlisle, and clerk, M. Y. Miley.

Composed of 41 churches, Smith County Association is one of the largest in the state.

As always, we were given a good morning period to present The Baptist Record.

Record readers in Smith county are now listed as follows: Bethel 10, Burns 1, Goodwater 17, Homewood 9, LEAF RIVER 81, LORENZ 33, MIZE 23, Oak Grove 9, POLKVILLE 30, RALEIGH 69, Rocky Hill 12, SYLVARENA 40, TAYLORSVILLE 69, WHITE OAK 55, WILKERSON MEMORIAL 22, Sardis 3, Beaver Dam 1, SHADY GROVE 40, Clear Creek 16, Rose Hill 1, Sharon 1, FELLOWSHIP 29, PLEASANT HILL 21, Mt. Pleasant 5, TED 32, Clear Springs 10, Mt. Carmel 10, CONCORD 30, NEW HOME 12.

### FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, JONES COUNTY, IS NUMBER 788

Fellowship church is one of the latest additions to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches.

A letter from Mackey Murphy, Rt. 2, Moselle, brought the welcome news and a list of 17 names.

Record readers in Jones county are now listed as follows: FELLOWSHIP 17, BEULAH 81, ANTIOCH 38, BEACON 87, BETHEL 15, CENTERVILLE 36, COUNTY LINE 41, ELLISVILLE 125, Estabutchie 2, HARMONY 48, FAIRFIELD 61, LAUREL FIRST 427, SECOND AVENUE 138, LOWREY CREEK 22, MOSELLE 51, MT. ORAL 45, OVETT 47, PECAN GROVE 29, PINE GROVE 49, SAND HILL 23, SHARON 33, CALVARY 15, FRIENDSHIP 43, SHELTON 38, SUMMERLAND 43, TUCKER'S CROSSING 18, WEST LAUREL 168, Pleasant Home 12, SOUTH LAUREL 33, BETHLEHEM 58, SANDERSVILLE 41, NEW HOPE 18, INDIAN SPRINGS 21, HEBRON 41, OAKLAND GROVE 14.

There was a great spirit at the Bruce church when Pastor J. B. Middleton preached on the subject, "These Perilous Times," discussing the theories about the atomic bomb. The third chapter of II Timothy was the scriptural basis for the discussion.—Reporter.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Frank Smith of Magnolia announce the birth of a son, Riley Franklin, on October 25, 1945. Weight nine pounds.



The Primary group at Seminary on Promotion Day is pictured above. The superintendent of the department is Mrs. R. T. Taylor and teachers are Mrs. Lonnie Aultman, Mrs. Jim Tisdale, Mrs. Bennie McGrew and Mrs. H. F. Deen.

### Black Market Law Condemned

WHEREAS, The so-called Black Market Law has not according to reports from all sections of the state, contributed to enforcement of prohibition laws; and

WHEREAS, It is becoming more evident that this law was intended as an opening wedge to repeal of the state liquor laws; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Baptists of Leake county, Mississippi, in convention assembled do hereby petition the legislature to repeal at the next session the Black Market Law; and we hereby request representatives and senator of Leake county to present this petition to the legislature when assembled.

Adopted by the Leake County Baptist Association, October 11, 1945.

A. A. WARD,

Moderator,

R. B. McDONALD,

Clerk.

## Blue Mountain Y. W. A. Elects Officers

Blue Mountain, Miss., Oct. 4.—The Young Women's Auxiliary in Lowrey residence hall has elected officers as follows:

First floor: Laurella Owens, Clanton, Ala., president; Elizabeth Davis, Memphis, Tenn., vice-president; Sarah Myatt, Elaine, Ark., secretary; Ruth Pitts, Pontotoc, treasurer; Merna Jean Hocum, Memphis, Tenn., and Mildred Boddy, Pensacola, Fla., program chairmen; Cheryl Allen, Indianola, poster chairman; Billie Lynne Richardson, Louisville, window chairman; Jo Ann Pitner, Myrtle, social chairman, and Patricia Hicks, Macon, chorister.

Second floor: Bettie Jane Boland, Tralake, president; Pennie Powell, Mobile, Ala., vice-president; Jane Ray, Bean, Louisville, Ky., secretary-treasurer; Mary Alice Taylor, Coffeeville, poster chairman; Kathryn Jewell and Joyce Hall, Meridian, program chairmen; Mary Lou Sauer, Owensboro, Ky., window chairman, and Mary Cook, Gadsden, Ala., mission chairman.

Third floor: Polly Howard, Starkville, president; Maryelise Hawkins, Oxford, vice-president; Dot Griffin, Laurel, and Mildred Rea, Sherman, program chairmen; Betty Wallace, Oxford, secretary-treasurer; Faye Haire, Bruce, pastor chairman; Betty Hubbard, Bonita, social chairman, and Willodean Featherstone, Sardis, community missions.

Now is the time for every church, together with all departments of their organized work, to begin to make plans for the Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage. Since this is the only special day observed by the orphanage let us make our gifts larger than usual. The Lord has certainly blessed us—let us show forth our love and appreciation by sharing with others.

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- Page the Baptist Record for news items, concerning all departments of our work—W. M. U., Brotherhood, Sunday School, Music, Student, and Training Union.
- Page the Baptist Record for a picture of your church, a group of your members, or perhaps yourself.
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## DR. DILLARD LAUDS WORK OF BAPTIST WOMEN

I like that name, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. It is a bit long but I don't know how you could cut a word out without making it bleed. If I were to attempt to improve on it I would have to lengthen it and call it "Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to Every Southern Baptist Cause." And I speak from personal knowledge reaching back almost to the beginning of the organization.

When I was a barefoot boy, Mother often took me with her to the Woman's Missionary Society; for forty years I was a pastor; for nearly as many years I served upon denominational committees and boards; and for the past nine years I have been giving all my time to the promotion of the program of Southern Baptists. I have had every opportunity of knowing. I testify, without equivocation or mental reservation, that the W. M. U. has been a tried and true helper to me and to every Christian cause I have tried to promote.

In the churches, where I was pastor, the Woman's Missionary Society responded to every call promptly, gladly and effectively. They not only kept our women and young people interested and enlisted in mission study and giving but they also helped by calling upon the sick, the strangers, the unenlisted and the disgruntled. They helped in the Hundred Thousand Club, in the Every-Member Canvass and in promoting special days and seasons. I could count upon them for 100 per cent cooperation in promoting the Cooperative Program.

Of course, they had and still have their own goals and special offerings, and they keep records and make reports just as they ought. They know that to set goals, keep records and make reports encourage and stimulate giving and enable them to set higher goals with hope of success. How could they know they had reached their goals if no records were kept or reports made? Let's give them full credit for all they do and bid them Godspeed. They understand women and know how to use and enthruse them. If we men understood men as well and worked as hard we would do better, much better.

Then, how these women come to the help of our denomination in times of emergency! How in the world could our mission work have been carried on in those dark days of debt if it had not been for the W. M. U.? And how could our Home Mission Board even have survived if it had not been for the contributions of W. M. U.? You will recall that the Home Mission Board in refinancing its debt had to apply its regular receipts upon its debt. The W. M. U. Annie Armstrong Offerings enabled it to carry on.

Will any Southern Baptist ever forget or cease to be grateful for the help the W. M. U. rendered our denomination through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? It actually contributed more than one-third of the club receipts for payment on our Southwide debt. It has also contributed over \$10,000,000 through the Lottie Moon Christmas and Annie Armstrong Offerings for foreign and home mission work. The W. M. U. has the record of having contributed nearly \$80,000,000 to Southern Bap-



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Joe Causey, Port Gibson, vice president; Louise Hartzog, New Hebron, secretary; Deil Perreault, Canton, reporter; C. O. Lindsey, Jackson, president.

## Department Of Student Work

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas Dr. R. C. Cook and Mississippi Southern College have graciously extended every courtesy to the Convention, and

Whereas Mr. C. S. Moulder has given his untiring efforts to assure the success of the Convention and to meet our every need, and

Whereas Miss Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Mr. Riley Munday, and the State B. S. U. Council have provided us with a program, both inspirational and practical, and

Whereas the officers of Camp Shelby have extended unusual privileges to the delegates of the Convention, and

Whereas the Main Street Baptist Church has with gracious hospitality allowed us to enjoy their fellowship during the Sunday morning hours,

Be it therefore resolved that the Mississippi Baptist Student Union in session October 19-21 express its heartfelt appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Hamilton, Chairman,  
Marion Leavell,  
Elizabeth Finch,  
Mary White Nelson.

—BR—

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. C. E. Snowden, Longview; Dr. Walter L. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Philadelphia; Chaplain D. H. Barnhill, Clinton; Rev. O. P. Moore, Moorhead; Sanford L. Stacks, New Albany; Chaplain D. M. Nelson, Jr., Clinton; Rev. W. E. Winstead, Brookhaven.

tist causes, including the above mentioned offerings, since its organization fifty-seven years ago. What a record!

And would you believe it? The W. M. U. has voted enthusiastically to raise one-third of our Centennial Crusade financial goal of \$20,000,000 to "Crown a Century for Christ"; that is \$6,666,666.66. What a goal for one year! And the women and their young people will raise it too.

Then bear in mind the fact that the W. M. U. turns over all the money it raises to the Convention boards for disbursements. It is certainly an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Yes sir, I like the name the women chose and put in the preamble of their constitution, and I like the way they live up to that name "Auxiliary." Now let us "help these women" (Phil. 4:3).—Dr. J. E. Dillard, S. B. C. Director of Promotion.

## Dr. Sampey Honored On Birthday

Dr. John R. Sampey, intimately connected with the Southern Baptist Seminary for 64 years as student, professor, and president, was honored at Seminary chapel exercises on the occasion of his eighty-second birthday.

The chapel hall was filled to overflowing, with all the standing room taken. Many students stood on the outside to catch what they might of the program. Because of his failing physical strength, this was the first appearance Dr. Sampey had made at the Seminary this year, and many of the new students were getting their first glimpse of this great Baptist statesman and scholar.

President Ellis A. Fuller referred to Dr. Sampey as "a demonstration of what God can do with one man who yields his whole life to Him."

For his message, the president emeritus read excerpts from his memoirs, which he is preparing for publication. His subject was "The Divine Presence in My Life."

Declaring his life to be "a testimony to the reality of divine Presence," Dr. Sampey touched on a number of outstanding or mountain-top experiences in his life, on which occasions he said he had felt a peculiar sense of the presence of God. Included in these were: the winning of his first convert to Christ; his first visit to a foreign mission field; his first great church revival after he became a pastor.

"Face-to-face experiences with the Presence of God, of Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit are the greatest things in my life," he concluded, with great emotional power that was felt by all present.

Rev. T. R. Allen, business manager of the Seminary, acting in behalf of the Seminary, presented Dr. Sampey a huge birthday cake decorated with candles and bearing the numeral "82." Cameramen figured prom-



Primary graduates in the promotion day program in the Seminary Sunday school, September 30, are pictured above. From left to right they are: John Henry Smith, Martha Leggett, Mack Wade, Roma Fay Williamson, Emil Cranford, Bonnie Sue Aultman

## MAJORITY OF CHAPLAINS SAID TO OPPOSE PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Southern Baptist superintendent of camp work now on a tour of the China-Burma-India theaters, has written the Baptist Home Mission Board here that "in my opinion a majority of chaplains are against compulsory military training for the peacetime army."

The chaplains do favor, however. Dr. Carpenter wrote, a sufficient military power "to preserve and protect our immediate international commitments."

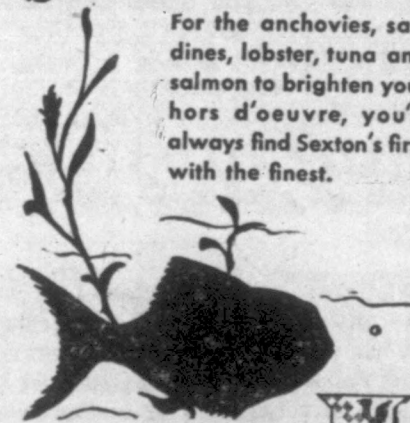
Dr. Carpenter is suggesting to the War Department that chaplains in the CBI area be allowed to return home via the Holy Land, an opportunity already granted troops in certain other theaters.

He said that many younger chaplains have indicated a desire to remain in the chaplaincy.

Recently, as they photographed Dr. and Mrs. Sampey and the cake from many different angles.

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## God's Minorities

During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority—but he won!

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority—but he won.

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight they were an insignificant minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down the fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was a notable minority—but he won.

When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Martin Luther nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral he was a lonesome minority—but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was a conspicuous minority, He won!—Baptist Bulletin, 10-14-45.

## Batesville Reports New B. Y. P. U.

We are happy to have a report from Miss Ruby Moore of Batesville telling of a newly organized Young People's Union there. Miss Moore is the president and starts off in the right way by securing leaflets for each officer and committee that they may know their duties and opportunities. Congratulations are in order and we are happy to extend them.

## A New Church, New Building, New Training Union

Thanks to Pastor E. M. Bilbo of Hattiesburg for a good report of his new church activities. Brother Bilbo has recently organized a new church—the name, Lakeview, led them in building a house of worship, and immediately organized a Training Union. They start with three unions, Adult, Young People's-Intermediate, and Junior. They started with a membership of 22 Adults, 20 Young People-Intermediate and about the same in the Junior. Mr. J. E. Parker was elected director, and Mrs. Parker the secretary. The church is in Forrest county, and will be, if it has not already been voted in, in the Lebanon Association. We are glad to welcome this new church and union into our midst.

Congratulations to Secretary Munday, and President Dot Lee Jefferson on the very fine program, attendance, and spirit of the State Baptist Student Convention, held in Hattiesburg at Mississippi Southern College October 19-21. The program was high

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tide all the way through and closed with a record attendance Sunday morning at Main Street Baptist Church with Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, bringing the sermon.

First church Jackson put into the treasury of the Lord the past associational year \$116,335.67. Divided—Current expenses and building—\$50,600.69, missions and benevolences—\$55,273.81. Other designated gifts—\$10,461.17. This great church has a membership of 4,437 (not all resident) and added to their membership during the year 359, a fairly good sized church itself. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, a great pastor of a great church completes his 28th year as pastor January 1, 1946.

## Calvary Young People's Union Issues Bulletin

"The Reflector" is the name of the monthly bulletin published by the Baptist Young People's Union department of the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. It is in its sixth year and is greatly appreciated by the members of the young people's unions as well as others who receive it. It carries news items about the members, happenings of the unions, plans for the department, a word of encouragement, a poem and perhaps a joke. It is a good stabilizing force. Try it in your union.

## Mississippi Associational Officers Study Manual

We are happy to report a good study course, in which the associational Training Union Manual was used, for Mississippi Association. (Mississippi Association is made up of Wilkinson and Amite counties.) Mrs. A. G. Felder, a tireless worker, is the associational director and, anxious for every officer to know his job that he might serve better, led in this course. Ten were successful in completing the work and have received the award. The list includes, Mrs. A. G. Felder, Mr. H. G. Rice, Mr. L. T. Burris, Mrs. F. D. Roberson, Miss Wilda P. Hamilton, Rev. R. R. Brigrance, Mr. Frank Causey, Mrs. M. D. Freeman, Mrs. P. D. Stewart and Mrs. J. L. Lowrey. Congratulations to all these and to the association they serve.

Only FIRST PLACE WINNERS in associational contests will be eligible in the contests at the State Training Union Convention, Jackson, Dec. 28.

## MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- November 5—Mrs. M. H. James, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 3.
- November 6—Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Young People's Counsellor for W. M. U. District 3.
- November 7—Miss Franziska Heinrich of Blue Mountain College faculty.
- November 8—Miss Belle Naul, English Faculty, Blue Mountain College.
- November 9—Dr. J. D. Ray, Oktibbeha County Convention Board Member.
- November 10—Mrs. W. G. Whitworth, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 4.
- November 11—Mrs. J. H. Aldridge, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 4.

## Euzelians Lead In Pledges During Rush Week

Blue Mountain, Miss., Oct. 15—The Euzelians led in pledges during Rush Week at Blue Mountain College with fifty-three new membs. The Modenians were next with forty, and the Eunomians third with thirty-one.

New girls joining the Euzelians are: Lucille Connors, Jacksonville, Fla.; Faye Murphree, Dorothy Russell, Margaret Bratton, Pittsboro; Janice Crull, Betty McClure, Greenwood; Patsy Clark, Paden; Mary Fay Hamill, Lella Jackson, Sturgis; Mary Lou Sauer, Owensboro, Ky.; Glenn Turner, Richton; Dorothy Griffin, Betty Winn, Laurel; LaNita Ainsworth, Hattiesburg; Wanda Harris, Gunnison; Joan McCurdy, Lake Charles, La.; Norma Jean Hocum, Evelyn Marie Singleton, Dorothy Smith, Memphis; Nell Keen, Elaine, Ark.; Barbara Ann Given, Ripley, Tenn.; Lucille McLaughlin, Vardaman; Ruth Pitts, Jamie Cook, Hellen Barlow, Clarice Griffin, Pontotoc; Margaret Weaver, Noxapater; Linda Overall, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Edith Patterson, Rose Ellen Goodrich, Clinton; Barbara Shipp, Jean Yates, Louisville, Ky.; Faye Threlkeld, Lois Philpot, Tupelo; Elizabeth Michael, Rienzi; Peggy Dodson, Halls, Tenn.; June Jones, Marietta, Ga.; Natilie Pierce, Ruston, La.; Imogene Williams, Carthage; Mary Williams, Virginia Marbury, New Albany; Mary Wallace, Hughes, Ark.; Nettie Mae Thomas, Clarksdale; Dorothy Parker, Sumrall; Clarice Wells, Lafayette, La.; Sara Brooks Collins, Holly Springs; Maurene Collums, Houlika; Mary Ethel Drane, Natchez; Amelia Rappold, New Orleans, La.; Jean Hughes, Meridian; Ah How Ching, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, and Mary Lois Pearson, Eupora.

Modenians: Alfalene Jolly, Mary Grace Bumpas, Myrtle; Mary Ruth Collins, Holly Springs; Birdie Mae Buntyn, Decatur; Willene Coker, Blue Springs; Martha Bates, Becker; Rachel Carter, Geraldine Hicks, Essie V. Davis, Blue Mountain; Elizabeth Jackson, Meridian; Waldine Doss, Slate Springs; Sue McGinty, River View, Ala.; Verley Smith, Richmond, Va.; Lois Boothe, Burnsville; Mary Elizabeth Couch, Hernando; Edna Erlene Epting, Baldwin; Rebecca Jane Sims, Alamo, Tenn.; Marty Hamilton, Hattiesburg; Evelyn Moreland, Katie Kirker, Booneville; Billye—Flanagan, Pittsboro; Marian Mann, Brownsville, Tenn.; Frances Davis, Houston; Frances Hearington, Memphis; Katherine Green, Leaf; Boots Hicks, Sledge; Ruth Hines, Edith Hines, Saulsberry, Tenn.; Merle Graves, Tutwiler; Margery Smith, Maxine May, Union; Montie Gray Barringer, Marks; Emry Jean Little, Lambert; Clara Moody Davis, Nan Barron, Crystal Springs; Joyce McGehee, Gulfport; Marie Fairles, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; Eleanor Green, Louisville; Charles Evelyn Kerley, Lewisburg, Tenn., and Delora Hopper, Juno, Tenn.

Eunomians: Emily Ann Bowden, Paris, Tenn.; Inez Cantwell, Tylertown; Savella Clark, Pat Hicks, Macon; Mary Beth Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Jane Duncan, Blue Mountain; Willa Dean Featherston, Sardis; Anne Galloway, Lexington, Ky.; Jeanne Hilton, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary E. Jackson, New Orleans, La.; Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Mo.; Jeannie Jones, Baldwin; Dorothy Lambdin, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jean McCown, Noxapater; Jane Allen McGee, Guntown; Mary Lou McGee, Mary Murphey, Helen Wiggs, Dorothy Wynne, Memphis; Marjorie Moore, Tiptonsville; Mary Louise Oakley, New Albany; Catherine Pennington, Williamsport, Tenn.; Mildred Rea, Sherman; Hazel Rodgers, Yazoo City; Edna Lou Sebastian, Crewe, Va.; Ruth Sterling, Jackson; Laura Thompson, Arbyrd, Mo.; Lillian Tyre, Okahumpka, Fla.; Betty Wallace, Oxford; Mary Jane Wharton, Gadsden, Ala., and Jane Ray Bean, Louisville, Ky.

## Chaplain Milne Promoted

Friends of Chaplain and Mrs. W. P. Milne will be interested to hear that he has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. He and his family have been residing in Farragut, Idaho, for the past year since he has been stationed there at the Naval Station. Prior to going to Farragut, Chaplain Milne served twenty months in the South Pacific.

His wife is the former Miss Martha Jo Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Walters of Laurel.

Chaplain Milne is from Mobile, Ala. He had his training for the ministry at Auburn in Alabama, and later received his theological training at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Before enlisting in the service in 1942 he was pastor of the Baptist church in Aulander, North Carolina, resigning his church to enter the naval reserve as a chaplain.

The work at Tinsley is progressing. The folks are entering enthusiastically into a building program. Miss Jenny Steevns has given us a lot and we are soon to decide on a church building plan and contractor. For some time we have been taking offerings for the building. We meet every Sunday afternoon of the month, in the home of the late Brother William Talmadge Young.—Don Jones, pastor.

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## Texas Baptists To Sponsor Saturday Night Youth Meetings

Dallas, Texas—(RNS)—The executive board of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas meeting here unanimously adopted recommendations calling for Saturday night youth meetings in the 3,250 Baptist churches of Texas.

The youth movement is to be sponsored by all church organizations composed of young people from 13 to 25 years of age, and will be known as "Baptist Youth Night."

Members of the movement will be called "Adventurers for Christ." The program of the Baptist Youth Night meetings will consist of music, prayer, scripture quotations, testimonies, visual education features, brief addresses by young people, inspirational music and similar suitable activities.

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The month of November is Thanksgiving month for the Baptist Orphanage. There are more than 1600 Baptist churches in our state, this indicates that the orphanage should receive at least 1600 offerings. An average of \$50 from each church would more than reach our goal. There are many churches that will not be able to give this amount, therefore some should give many times this amount, making up for the smaller churches. Won't you see that your church does its part in proportion to its ability?

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PRESENT BATESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



DR. J. W. LEE

### Dr. J. W. Lee Retires

#### R W. Martin Succeeds Him

In an impressive service recently, the "pastoral mantle" of one of Mississippi's most devoted preachers was laid upon the shoulders of his young successor as Batesville Baptist Church welcomed Robert W. Martin as its new under-shepherd, and elected J. W. Lee as pastor emeritus as he concluded 39 years of ministry. In a beautifully eloquent message, Bro. Lee recounted many of the blessings that have come during his long and active pastorate and declared his joy at the coming of the vigorous young man who will build upon the foundations laid during these decades. The scene was one that will long be remembered by all present, and the spirit of harmony among the people forecast a future filled with promise in the Kingdom work.

In well chosen words the young pastor accepted the task, and expressed his happiness at the opportunities that lie ahead, facing the challenge to serve a united fellowship.

Among the outstanding things which indicate the spirit of the people during the pastorate of Bro. Lee are the following facts: In 1943-44 more was given to outside causes than was spent on local expenses; the church gave more than 25% beyond what it was asked for in retiring the Now Club in Mississippi; every organization of the church has money in its treasury, and a \$4,000 fund started for enlargement and improvement of the property. In addition to this, there is an optimistic outlook, and



BATESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 39 YEARS AGO

### Agricola Reports Growth

Agricola church, Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor, reported one of the best years in its history at the George County Association. The Sunday school enrollment increased 79%, average attendance in Sunday school increased 16% with two classes being added and an Extension Department organized. The Training Union shows an increase of 50% in enrollment, the W. M. U. an increase of 33%. The Brotherhood has 30 enrolled with an average attendance of 20.

On January first the church began full time services. A much needed building program is under way. The following new units were added at the beginning of the associational year: three Sunday school classes (total now 12); one Training Union (total now six); one auxiliary to W. M. U. (total now five).

A. P. Martin is superintendent of the Sunday school; T. V. Flynt, director of Training Union; L. H. Dean, president of Brotherhood; and Mrs. A. E. Dean, president of Woman's Missionary Union.

—BR—

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, Va., speaks on "A Religion for the Atomic Age" on Columbia network's early "Church of the Air" Sunday, No. 4 (WABC-CBS, 10:00-10:30 a. m., EST, from Richmond). Music for the service is by a quartet from the First Baptist Church choir. D. Pinckney Powers is director.

according to Bro. Lee, the word "pessimism" has been erased from their vocabulary. Bro. and Mrs. Lee are greatly beloved not only by the Baptist people, but by the entire town.



Baptismal candidates from the County Line Baptist Church (Attala county), just before being baptized by Dr. William Potter, September 9, 1945. These 17 with two others not in the picture were the results of the summer revival meeting.

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In addition, 216 chaplains have been wounded in action, including those not hospitalized; 28 have returned to military control from German and Japanese prison camps; 11 whose status is undetermined are detained by the enemy; and four are missing.

Chaplain Miller also reported that 1,326 decorations had been awarded to 1,038 chaplains. These consisted of the following: Distinguished Service Cross, 16; Distinguished Service Medal, one; Legion of Merit, 51; Silver Star, 126; Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star, seven; Soldiers Medal, 18; Bronze Star, 719; Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star I, 50; Oak Leaf to Bronze Star II, one; Air Medal, five; Purple Heart, 293; Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart, 21; Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart II, three; foreign decorations, 15.

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### A FAVORITE SERMON (Continued from Page One)

the heroism of the chaplains but what really got me to thinking, and talking, was how it might affect the lives of the four boys who accepted the life jackets from them. It would seem to me that if I were in one of their places I should always feel that I should be compelled to make something really wonderful of the life that had been given me at the cost of another fellow's life. I think I would stop and consider fully each important decision to be made and my thoughts would be full of the vision of those fellows standing there in my place.

"By now you can see where this thinking has led me: that each saved (born-again) person is 'bought with a price' so exorbitant that we should stand in shame at the way we have accepted it and so often forget the One who gave up His life that we may have everlasting life. We make our decisions carelessly and ignore the shadow of Him who hangs on the cross, who walks about with His pierced side and scarred hands. We have been redeemed, saved, bought for the purpose of allowing us to 'live to fight another day,' so to speak.

"I'm sure that you, and scores of others, have had like experiences and have rededicated themselves because of it and I am really going to try to work a little harder, pray a little more, humble myself and look upon my fellow man with a little more understanding of how I might help him to have a better vision of what being a Christian means!"

Yes, dear reader, if you have professed the Lord Jesus Christ as your Master, you have been "bought with a price." That price was the ignominy of the cross, paid in full with the sacred blood of the Son of God. The price which Christ paid for your redemption represented the sins of the world. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead in sins, should live unto righteousness..." (I Peter 2:24). And, again we read, "For God hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II Corinthians 5:21.) And it is true that your soul might be saved from the torment of a living hell if you would "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" that you might be saved eternally.

"Bought with a price," yes, my friend, but with a cost so great that there is nothing you have done or nothing that you could ever do to save your own soul apart from the fact that "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; nor of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9.)

And, now, Christian friend, we spoke of professing Christ! What about your possessing Christ? Look at the context of the Holy Word. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I Cor. 6:19.) Is your body the temple in which Christ dwells? Is it empty of all selfishness and greed and covetousness that Christ might abide there? Or, continue with the Scripture: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify

God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:20.) God has consecrated our bodies as a medium of divine service. The believer's body, his life, his all, have been "bought with a price" and when Paul speaks of the "temple of the body" he sets forth an admonition which bids us to glorify God by "living for Jesus." The text likewise implies of our consecration of our bodies to the service of others.

Do you really appreciate the tremendous cost which was paid for your life in Christ? Are you really serious about your profession? Are you really sincere as to your profession of Christ or are you just making an outward show of your profession to ease your own conscience into believing that

you are truly serving Christ?

Friend, be you church member or sinner, a great price has been paid for your sins and truly "ye are not your own." Won't you, too, grasp the significance of this story of the chaplains' sacrifice and as my friend has written me, "I should be compelled to make something really wonderful of the life that had been given me at the cost of another's life." Christ gave His life for you! What will you do for Him? The very fact that we have been "bought with a price" should intensify our obligation to glorify God. Sinner, unsaved, lost friend, will you accept the Lord Jesus Christ and know the peace and joy of Christian service and fellow-

ship? The price paid at the cross of Calvary was for your sins as well as mine. The only condition imposed upon you to accept this glorious salvation is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Will you?

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